

AL-V-A-019 Pryor Stone House  
Old Rt. 40  
Eckhart (Clarysville vicinity), Allegany Co. MD  
Eligible, Criterion A, C

This one story stone cottage has a three bay south facing main facade. The house stands one bay in depth with a porch sheltering the main central entrance. A frame shed addition spans the rear. As the land slopes away to the north the cellar is exposed. Asphalt shingles cover the gable roof. The 2/2 sash windows on the front are old but not original. The house is painted white and may have been whitewashed originally. The masonry is random rubble stone with large blocks forming well-laid quoins at the corners. The chimney in the west gable end is in its original position but has a rebuilt brick top.

The Consolidation Coal Company built this house c. 1840 to house mine workers at the Eckhart Mine. This building is the best-preserved example in a row of three such stone cottages. The house is one of the earliest examples of miners' housing in Western Maryland's Georges Creek coal region and it is representative of well-built small stone houses of the early 19th century. The building also demonstrates the importance of the National Road to facilitate transportation and encourage the development of commerce and industry in the area. Since this house has been only slightly altered and overall retains high integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and feeling it is recommended as eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

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Eligibility Recommended 3/00

Eligibility Not Recommended \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria: 2 A \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_ G \_\_\_\_\_ None

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer, OPS: [Signature]

Date: 9/7/00

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Date: 6/12/00



View of Pryor Stone House (A1-V-19).

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Pryor Stone House  
Eckhart

c. 1840

The Pryor Stone House, which is an example of the salt box style of architecture, was built around 1840 by the Consolidation Coal Company for the purpose of supplying adequate housing for workers in the nearby mines. The house is a one and one half story, three bay wide rubble stone constructed facade. A shed roofed wing is found on the rear north side while a small entrance porch with shed roof is found on the front south side. Appointments of the house include rafter end eaves, and double hung wooden sash frames with one-over-one lights and a flat stone cornice.

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Coal Company House

AND/OR COMMON

Pryor Stone House

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North Side of Old Rt. 40 at Intersection of Beer Alley; Eckhart

CITY, TOWN

Eckhart

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

Sixth  
COUNTY

Allegany

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

#### ACCESSIBLE

#### PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Clinton E. Pryor

Telephone #: 689-9415

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 55

CITY, TOWN

Eckhart

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21528

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Pryor old stone house is located along old Route 40 in Eckhart, Allegany County on the north side of the road at the intersection of Porter Street.

The house is an utilitarian style of architecture which consists of a one and a half story, three bay wide rectangular shaped facade. A wing with a shed roof abuts the main block on the rear northern side and a garage wing is connected to the rear wing by a hypen. The main facade is constructed of stone with rubble bond, and the rear wings appear to be frame and covered with asbestos shingles. The roof of the house is gabled and is covered with replaced asphalt shingles. Windows in the structure exhibit double hung wooden sash frames with one-over-one lights on the sides and two-over-two lights on the front face. The main entrance is found on the front southern face and includes the original, horizontally paneled, recessed door and a newly added storm door. A small end porch covers the entrance to the house, and features a shed roof supported by square columns and cement block foundation, which gives evidence that the porch is a new addition. One replaced metal chimney is located on the outside west end of the house.

The stone house is structurally sound, however, the original appearance has been somewhat altered by the new additions and replaced materials.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## PERIOD

☐ PREHISTORIC  
☐ 1400-1499  
☐ 1500-1599  
☐ 1600-1699  
☐ 1700-1799  
☒ 1800-1899  
☐ 1900-

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC  
☐ AGRICULTURE  
☒ ARCHITECTURE  
☐ ART  
☐ COMMERCE  
☐ COMMUNICATIONS

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING  
☐ CONSERVATION  
☐ ECONOMICS  
☐ EDUCATION  
☐ ENGINEERING  
☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT  
☒ INDUSTRY  
☐ INVENTION

☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE  
☐ LAW  
☐ LITERATURE  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSIC  
☐ PHILOSOPHY  
☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

☐ RELIGION  
☐ SCIENCE  
☐ SCULPTURE  
☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN  
☐ THEATER  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES 1840-1860

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Pryor old stone house was built between 1840 and 1860 by the Consolidation Coal Company and is an example of the utilitarian style of architecture used for simple housing at the time. The house was built crudely of local materials, to supply mine workers with a means of inexpensive and adequate housing. This particular house and many other company houses were built when the mines were very prosperous, and at one time one of the largest and most productive operations in the world. The presence of the house and its fairly good condition certainly enhances the cultural and mining heritage which was a large part of the history of Allegany County.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than one acre**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Corner of Old Rt. 40 and Porter Street ; Eckhart

Approx. Lines North &amp; South 155' Lines East &amp; West 30' &amp; 90'

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John E. Nelson, Program Coordinator of All. Co. Historic Sites

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

5/25/76

STREET &amp; NUMBER

10 Park Lane

TELEPHONE

689-8486

CITY OR TOWN

Frostburg

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

Old Company Stone House - Pryor  
Along Old Rt. 40 at intersection of Porter Street

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HISTORICAL CHAIN OF TITLE

Allegany County - Deed - Liber 272, Folio 266  
grantee: Clinton E. Pryor and Dorothy Pryor  
grantor: Maryland Coal & Realty Company - Trustees Philip and William Jenkins  
October 29, 1955  
Consideration \$3,500

Allegany County - Deed - Liber 215, Folio 705  
grantee: MD Coal & Realty Company  
grantor: Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal Company  
July 7, 1947

Consolidation Coal Company - original owner



INVENTORY NO. A1-V-A-019

Liber 272

Folio 266

DATE: 5/19/76

160' x 30 x 90' x 150

REMARKS: Drastic, moderate, minor  
Old EckhartNAME OF PROPERTY: Coal Company - Pryor Stone HouseLOCATION OF PROPERTY: Old Rt 40 - North side at Intersection of Beek Avenue - EckhartDIRECTION DRAINING FACNS: SouthNAME OF OWNER: Clinton E. Pryor 689-9415ADDRESS: P.O. Box 55Eckhart, Maryland 21528

STORIES: 1(✓) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Rear Frame Addition with Shed RoofDwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- ( ) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)  
( ) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
(✓) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
( ) LOG  
( ) Other: Coverings Asbestos Shingles on Addition

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS: PlainFOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONEWATER TABLE: None, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICKWINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(✓) 2/2(✓) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( ) Flat Stone  
pegged ( ) nailed ( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment (✓)ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: South  
HARDWARE: original(✓) replaced( ) Recessed - + New Storm Door  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
paneled, ~~horizontal~~ horizontal BoardsCORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
original(✓) replaced( ) Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, ArchitraveROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLAT, HIP, SHED, LANCED, GAMBREL, FLAT, FORMERLY  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced(✓)POUCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(✓) hip( ) gable( ) 1 Bay Entrance - AddedCHIMNEY: NUMBER 1 BRICK( ) STONE( ) CORNED( ) original( ) replaced(✓) Metal  
LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end(✓) Central( ) Interior( )ARCHES: Door and window: Keyhole, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COIN DATA:

Use - ResidenceSignificance - ArchDate Constructed - Mid 19th CenturyCondition - Fair

Key points regarding interior architecture.

1. Floor plan

No through hall--How many rooms long and deep?  
Where is stairway? Straight or winding?

With through hall--Rooms on both sides? How many?  
Rooms on one side only? How many?

Is stair in through hall?

Open or enclosed? Straight--one run. Straight--landing  
How many? Curved.

If not in hall, where is stair?

2. Wall finish: plaster, paneled, board partition  
Note presence of chair rail, cornice, etc.

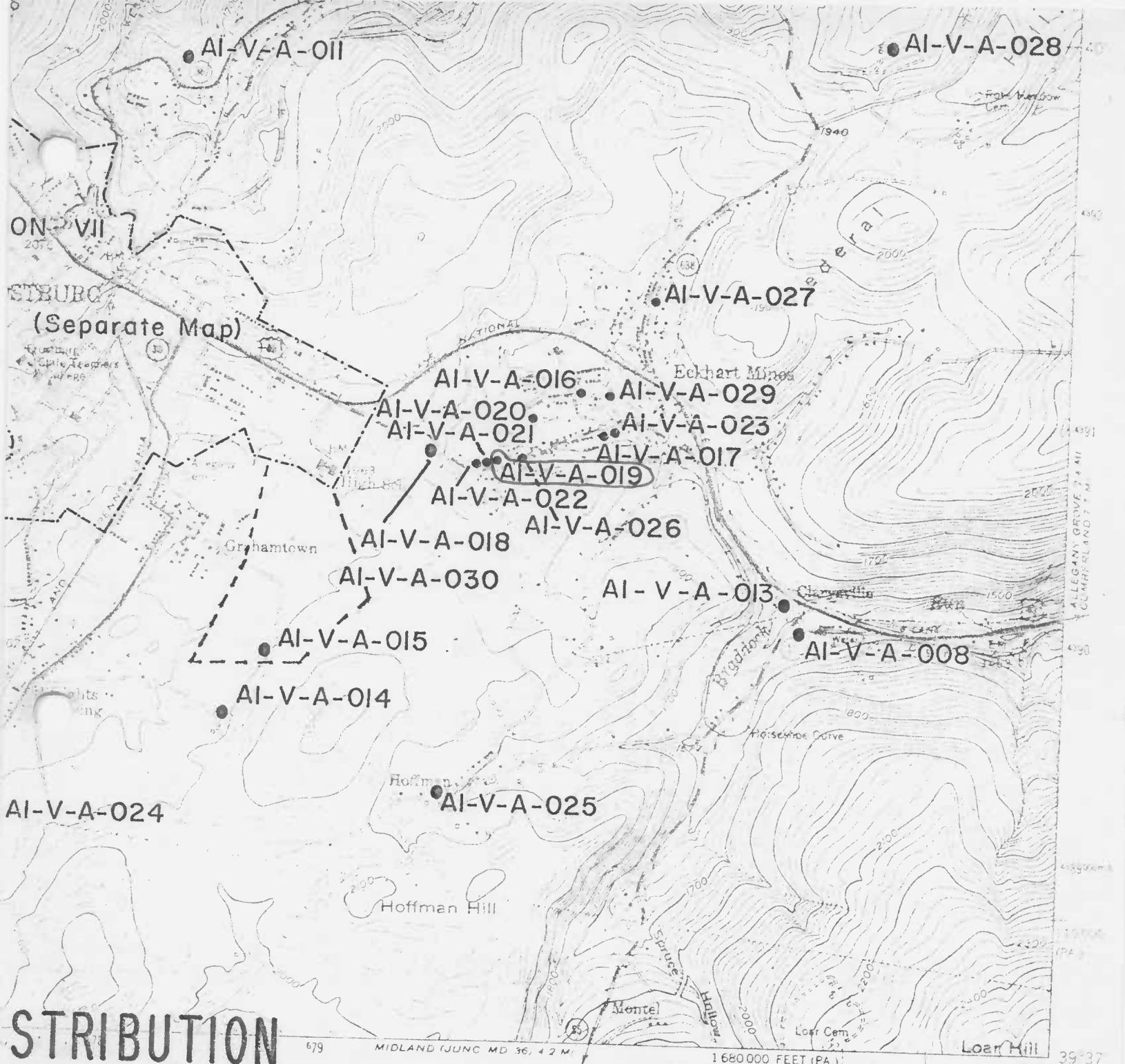
3. Fireplaces: How many? Parallel to walls or diagonal in corner?

Mantels: wood--mouldings, pilasters, columns  
masonry--marble(what color?), brick

3. Doors: on the inside of exterior doors, note the presence of applied flush boards and their direction (diagonal, vertical, horizontal). In general are doors paneled or ledge or other?

4. Door and window trim: plain, architrave; fluted, reeded; pilasters

5. Kitchen: Where is original if extant or known (marked by very large fireplace)? Separate building; wing to principal dwelling; within principal dwelling? On which floor of any of the above?



STRIIBUTION

1 MILE  
0 5000 7000 FEET  
1 KILOMETER

● = SITE LOCATION

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Pryor Stone House

Old Rt. 40 - Eckhart

USGS - Frostburg Quad

1:24,000

1949

ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Heavy-duty 4 LANE 16 LANE  
Medium-duty 4 LANE 16 LANE  
Light duty  
Unimproved dirt  
U. S. Route  
State Route

FROSTBURG, MD.-PA.

NW/4 FROSTBURG 15' QUADRANGLE  
N3937.5-W7852.5/7.5

1949

AMS 5263 III NW-SERIES V833

STANDARDS  
TON, D. C. 20242  
AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



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Old Rt 40

Eckhart

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Northwest



Pryor Stone House

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Old Rt. 40

Eckhart

John E. Nelson

5/20/76

Southwest





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COAL COMPANY HOUSE

5/20/76 - John Nelson